REGIONAL FUGITIVE TASK FORCES

CATCH OF THE WEEK

Week of July 31, 2006

Taking the Worst of the Worst Off the Streets

Gulf Coast Regional Fugitive Task Force (GCRFTF)

On August 01, 2006 Keundre Lerico Johnson and Mackese Walker were arrested in Birmingham, AL by members of GCRFTF. Authorities in Birmingham wanted Johnson and Walker for Kidnapping, Carjacking, and Armed Robbery in relation to a string of attacks occurring in that city. Johnson and Walker allegedly forced their victims to drive to ATM machines and withdraw funds. During one of the incidents, Johnson and Walker allegedly shot a young woman in the back as she tried to escape. The victim remains in critical condition. GCRFTF investigators developed information on Johnson and Walker's separate locations, responded to the target sites, and established surveillance. At one location, investigators observed Johnson exit a target residence and safely took him into custody. A short time later, investigators safely arrested Walker at her mother's home. During the course of the investigation GCRFTF seized three handguns, including the weapon allegedly used to wound the female victim, as well as additional evidence relating to the attacks. Johnson and Walker have confessed to their involvement in a number of attacks.





Keundre Johnson (top)
& Mackese Walker
Wanted for:
Kidnapping, Carjacking &
Armed Robbery

Great Lakes Regional Fugitive Task Force (GLRFTF)

On July 30, 2006 Bruce Ervin was arrested in Duluth, MN by members of GLRFTF and the District of Minnesota's (D/MN) East Metro Fugitive Task Force (EMFTF). Authorities in Chicago, IL wanted Ervin for Homicide and Aggravated Assault with a Firearm for his involvement in an April 08, 2006 shooting that killed one woman and severely wounding another. Chicago PD requested assistance from GLRFTF in locating and apprehending Ervin. GLRFTF investigators developed information indicating Ervin fled to Duluth, and forwarded a collateral lead to EMFTF personnel. EMFTF, with critical assistance from the Technical Operations Group (TOG), developed information on Ervin's location in Duluth. Investigators established surveillance at a target location, later observed Ervin enter a vehicle, and safely took him into custody following a traffic stop. Ervin, who has an extensive criminal history of Assault, as well as weapons and narcotics offenses, currently awaits extradition to Illinois.



Bruce Ervin
Wanted for:
Homicide &
Aggravated Assault

Southeast Regional Fugitive Task Force (SERFTF)

On August 07, 2006 Timothy Dupree was arrested in Atlanta, GA by members of SERFTF and the Fulton County (GA) Sheriff's Office-Fugitive Unit. Authorities in Fulton County wanted Dupree for Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon, Aggravated Assault, and Possession of a Firearm During the Commission of a Felony for allegedly becoming involved in an altercation with a female. This altercation escalated when Dupree, who had been drinking heavily, allegedly fired a handgun at the woman as she attempted to leave. One round struck the victim, but rounds allegedly fired by Dupree also struck nearby occupied vehicles. Dupree fled the scene immediately following the shooting. SERFTF investigators developed and confirmed information concerning Dupree's place of employment, responded to that location, and safely took him into custody.



Timothy Dupree Wanted for: Aggravated Assault

Pacific Southwest Regional Fugitive Task Force (PSWRFTF)

On July 31, 2006 Daniel Joseph Pinedo, a documented member of the *Puente 13* gang, was arrested in Pomona, CA by members of PSWRFTF and detectives from the West Covina, CA PD. Authorities wanted Pinedo for Attempted Murder for his alleged effort at killing the boyfriend of his ex-girlfriend. Pinedo allegedly approached the victim and stabbed him several times. Authorities also suspect Pinedo in a shooting in West Covina that occurred six days after the stabbing. PSWRFTF, with critical assistance from the Technical Operations Group (TOG), developed information indicating that Pinedo checked into a Pomona hotel. Investigators responded to the hotel, observed Pinedo at the front desk, and safely took him into custody. During a subsequent search of Pinedo's room, investigators seized a handgun matching the caliber of the weapon used in the West Covina shooting.

Puente 13 Gang Member



Daniel Joseph Pinedo Wanted for: Attempted Murder

New York/New Jersey Regional Fugitive Task Force (NY/NJ RFTF)

On July 25, 2006 Franklin Guzman was arrested in the Bronx, NY by members of NY/NJ RFTF. The New York, NY PD (NYPD) wanted Guzman for Robbery and Homicide for allegedly fatally shooting, along with three other males, a twenty year old male during a robbery. Authorities captured Guzman's alleged associates a short time after the attack, but Guzman effectively evaded capture. NY/NJ RFTF investigators conducted numerous interviews with uncooperative family members, and later developed information indicating that Guzman shuttled back and forth between relative's homes in the Bronx and in Connecticut. Investigators later received information indicating an exact time for Guzman's arrival at a residence in the Bronx and responded to that location. Investigators established surveillance, observed Guzman arrive at the target site, and safely took him into custody. During a later NYPD line-up, a witness to the underlying attack positively identified Guzman as the alleged shooter.



Franklin Guzman
Wanted for:
Homicide &
Robbery

Capital Area Regional Fugitive Task Force (CARFTF)

On August 01, 2006 Andre Ross was arrested in The Plains, VA by members of CARFTF. Authorities wanted Ross for Rape and Sodomy for allegedly sexually assaulting a fourteen year old girl. Authorities requested assistance from CARFTF in locating and apprehending Ross. Investigators developed information placing Ross in The Plains and immediately responded to that area. CARFTF surrounds Ross' location, but he attempted to flee from the rear of the target residence. Investigators quickly reacted and took Ross safely into custody. Information developed during the course of the investigation indicated that the underlying sexual assault took place over a longer period of time than authorities initially believed, possibly over several years.



Andre Ross Wanted for: Rape & Sodomy